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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO

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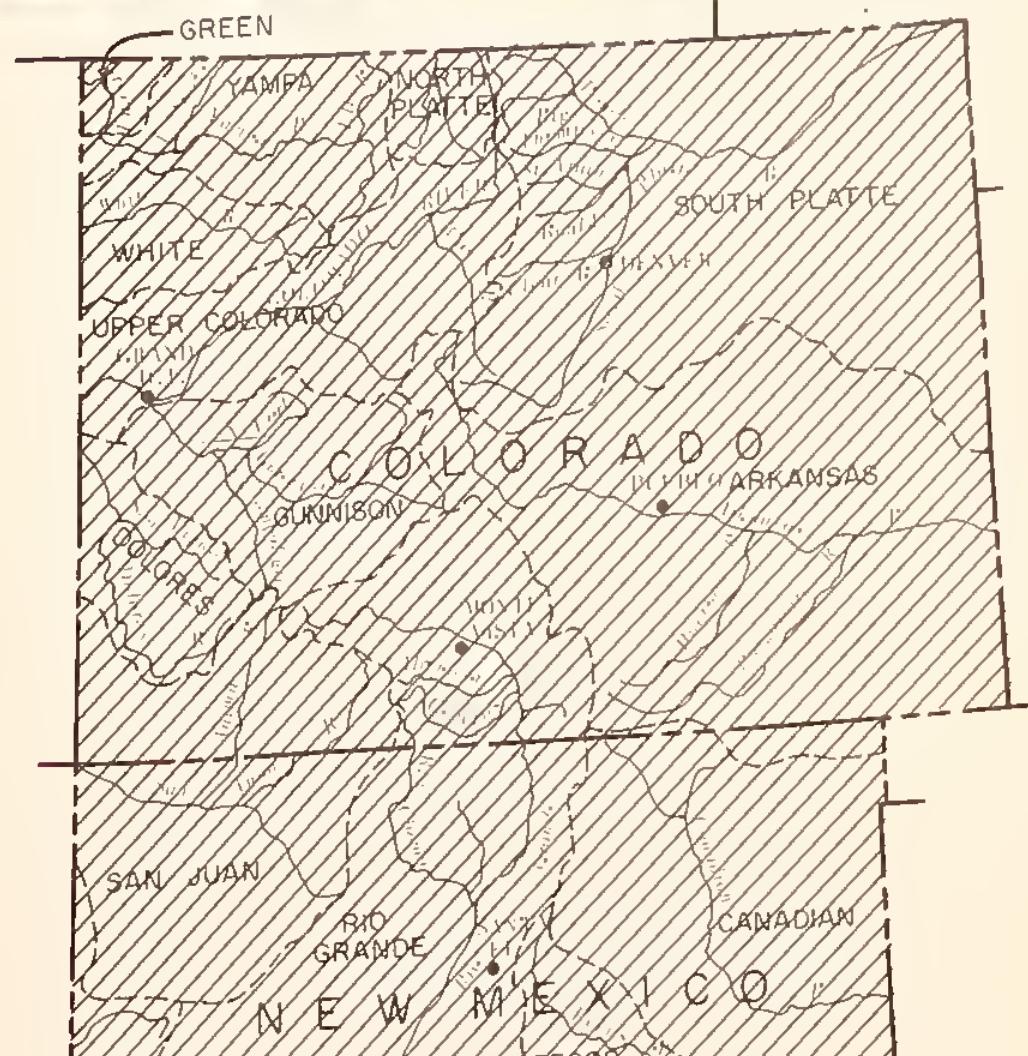
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MARCH WAS THE HEAVIEST PRECIPITATION MONTH OF THE WINTER. THE MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK IN BOTH COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY AS A RESULT OF FREQUENT STORMS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. THE IMPROVEMENT IN SNOWPACK CONDITIONS WAS NOT ENOUGH TO OFFSET THE LACK OF SNOW RECEIVED DURING THE PREVIOUS FIVE MONTHS HOWEVER. STREAMFLOW VOLUMES ARE EXPECTED TO GENERALLY RANGE BETWEEN ONE-HALF TO TWO-THIRDS OF NORMAL ON NEARLY ALL STREAMS IF NORMAL PRECIPITATION IS RECEIVED THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. ALL STREAMS ARE PREDICTED TO PRODUCE GREATER FLOWS THAN IN THE DROUGHT YEAR OF 1977. ALL FORECASTS ARE A JOINT EFFORT OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

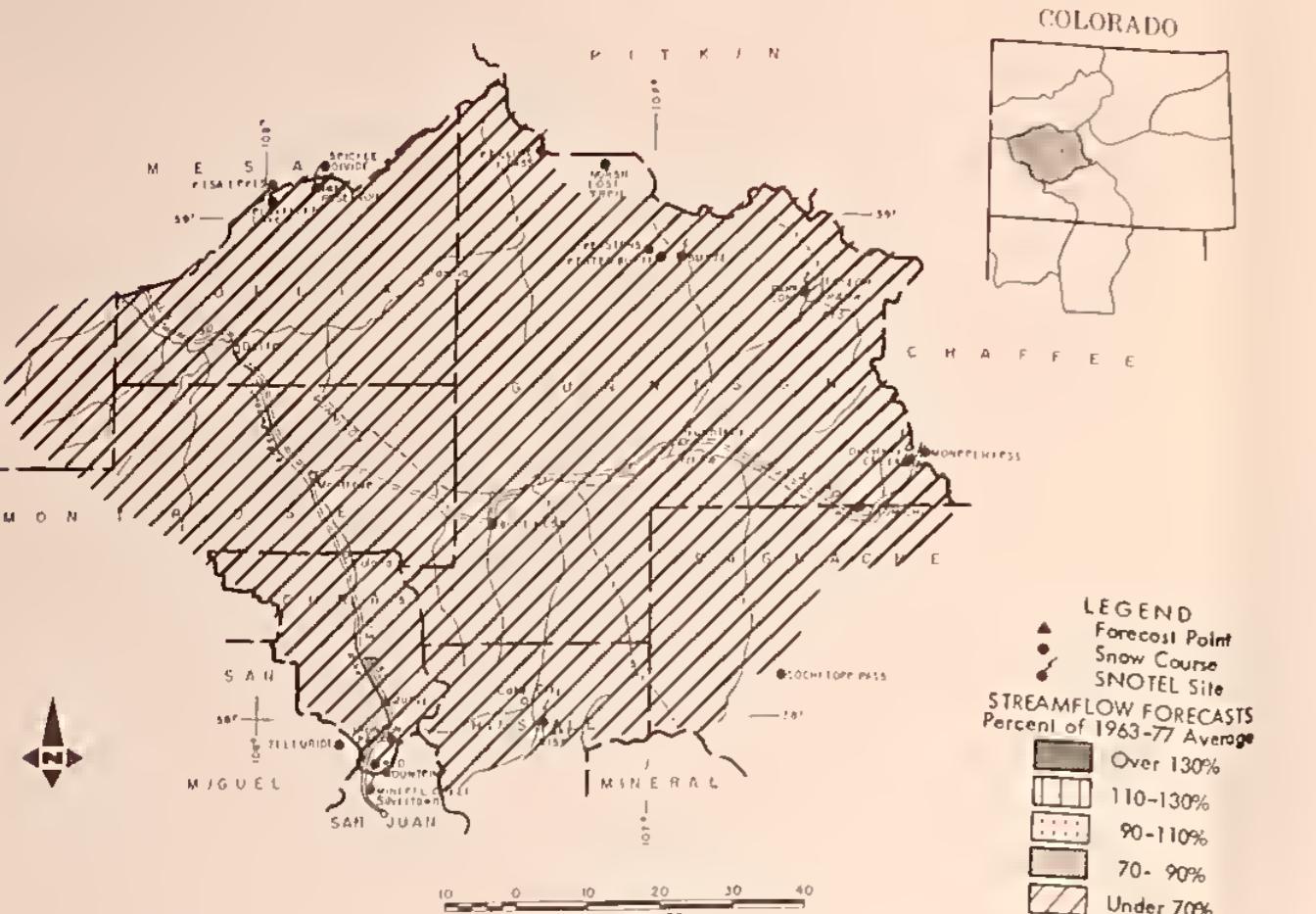
COLORADO -- THE STATEWIDE SNOWPACK HAS IMPROVED FROM 40% OF NORMAL LAST MONTH TO 60% CURRENTLY AS A RESULT OF ABNORMALLY HEAVY PRECIPITATION DURING MARCH WHICH AVERAGED 1 1/2 TIMES NORMAL. ALL STREAMFLOW FORECASTS IN THE STATE HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM LAST MONTH AS A RESULT. HOWEVER, THEY ARE STILL WELL BELOW NORMAL AND RANGE FROM 30% TO 70% OF AVERAGE. WITH 95% OF THE USUAL SNOW ACCUMULATION SEASON COMPLETED, MODERATE TO SEVERE WATER SHORTAGES ARE NOW ANTICIPATED. RESERVOIR STORAGE REMAINS 12% ABOVE NORMAL STATEWIDE.

NEW MEXICO -- MARCH WAS THE HEAVIEST PRECIPITATION PERIOD FOR THE WINTER WITH SOME STATIONS RECORDING AS MUCH AS TWICE NORMAL. SNOWPACK INCREASED DRAMATICALLY FROM 27% OF NORMAL LAST MONTH TO 70% OF NORMAL AS OF APRIL 1. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE ALL BEEN RAISED TO REFLECT THE PAST WET MONTH AND NOW RANGE FROM 25% OF NORMAL UP TO 75% OF NORMAL. RESERVOIR LEVELS ARE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE WITH CURRENT STORAGE AT 228% OF AVERAGE AND 113% OF A YEAR AGO. THE MOST DEFICIENT STREAMFLOWS WILL BE ON THE MAINSTEM OF THE RIO GRANDE WITH ONLY 25% OF NORMAL FORECAST AS INFLOW TO ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR.



The map on this page indicates the most probable water supply as of the date of this report. Estimates assume average conditions of snow fall, precipitation and other factors from this date to the end of the forecast period. As the season progresses accuracy of estimates improve. In addition to expected streamflow, reservoir storage, soil moisture in irrigated areas, and other factors are considered in estimating water supply. Estimates apply to irrigated areas along the main streams and may not indicate conditions on small tributaries.

"The Conservation of Water begins with the Snow Survey"

GUNNISON RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

YOUR WATER SUPPLY
 PRECIPITATION FOR MARCH WAS 127% OF AVERAGE, WHICH BROUGHT THE SEASON TOTAL TO 72%. THE SNOWPACK HAS INCREASED FROM 47% ON THE GUNNISON RIVER WATERSHED TO 61% OF AVERAGE WHILE THE UNCOMPAGHRE RIVER WATERSHED INCREASED FROM 47% TO 65% OF AVERAGE. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER LAST MONTH WITH SURFACE CREEK CHANGING FROM 59% TO 72% OF AVERAGE. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS ABOVE AVERAGE EXCEPT TAYLOR RESERVOIR WHICH IS AT 79 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. BLUE MESA RESERVOIR IS 126 PERCENT OF AVERAGE AND MORROW POINT IS 111 PERCENT. SOIL MOISTURE IS RATED AS FAIR TO POOR IN THE IRRIGATED AREAS.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Gunnison River inflow to Blue Mesa Reservoir (1)	430	57	754.0
Gunnison River near Grand Junction (2)	530	46	1150.0
North Fork of Gunnison (3)	175	67	28.0
Surface Creek at Cedaredge	11	72	15.2
Uncompahgre River at Colona	85	66	129.0

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Taylor Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Taylor Reservoirs.

(3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Uncompahgre Reservoir.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

STREAM AREA	Flow Period		RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH		
	Spring Season	late Season	Basin or Stream	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage
Ohio Creek	Fair	Poor			
Slite River	Fair	Poor			
Taylor River	Fair	Poor			
Tomichi Creek	Fair	Poor			
			Blue Mesa	830	412
			Morrow Point	121	115
			Taylor	106	50
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(Estimated as "Poor" Fair Average, i.e., current water supply less than required for irrigation supply).

STREAM AREA	Flow Period		RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH		
	Spring Season	late Season	Basin or Stream	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage
Brush	Fair	Poor			
Gypsum Creek	Fair	Poor			
			Dillon	254	184
			Granby	466	367
			Green Mountain	139	70
			Homestake	43	6
			Ruedi	101	77
			Vega	32	11
			Williams Fork	97	70
			Willow Creek	9	6
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(Estimated as "Poor" Fair Average, i.e., current water supply less than required for irrigation supply).

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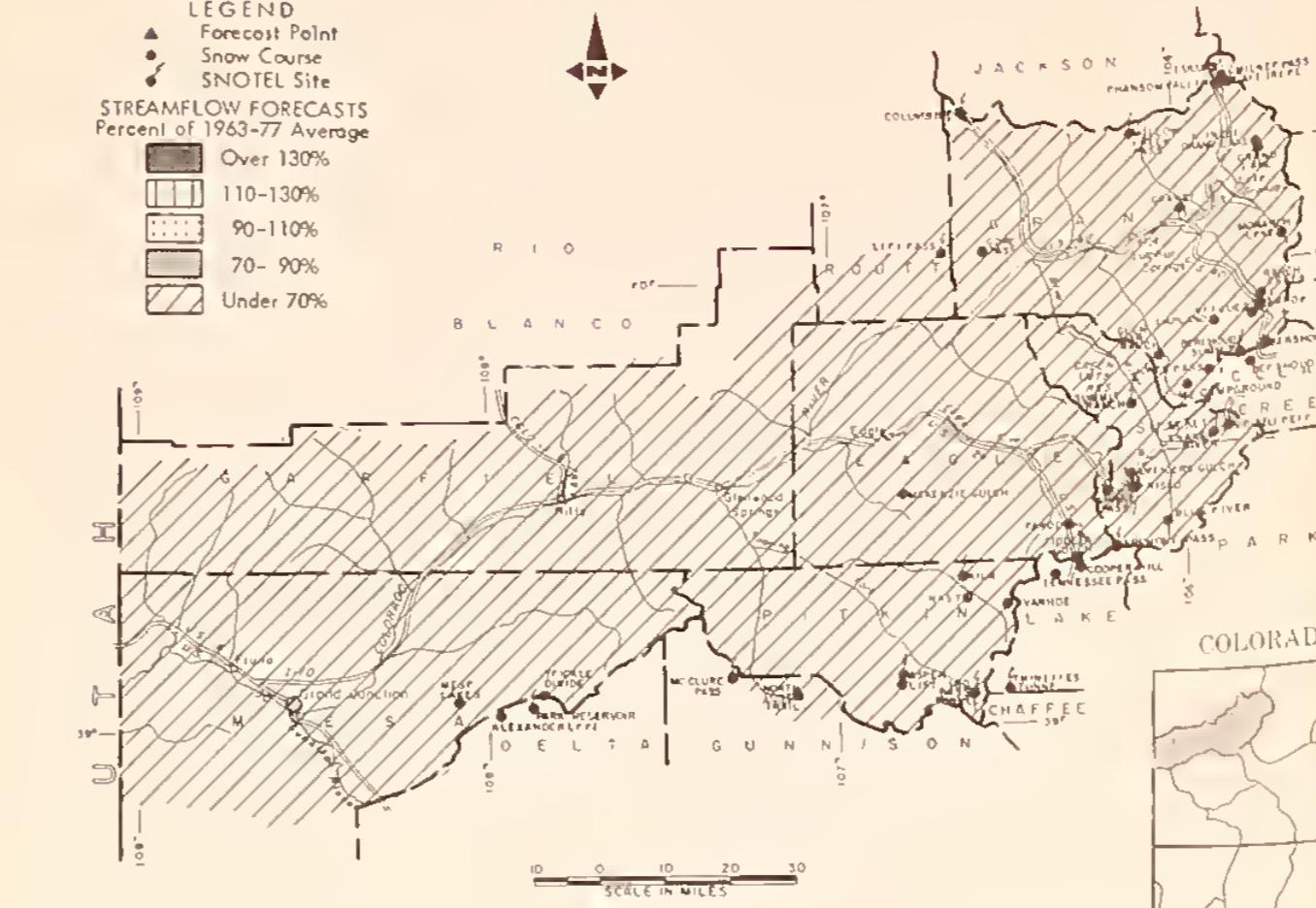
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COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

YOUR WATER SUPPLY
 PRECIPITATION FOR THE MONTH WAS 37 PERCENT ABOVE NORMAL. THIS IMPROVED THE SEASONAL READING TO 70 PERCENT OF NORMAL. MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK READINGS TAKEN NEAR APRIL 1 INDICATE THE WATER CONTENT TO BE 54 PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN COMPARED TO 38 PERCENT LAST MONTH. HOWEVER, SOME SNOW COURSES NEAR THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE REMAIN ONLY SLIGHTLY ABOVE MINIMUM OF RECORD. SNOMELT RUNOFF PREDICTIONS RANGE FROM 35 PERCENT OF NORMAL ON THE WILLIAMS FORK TO 69 PERCENT OF AVERAGE ON THE ROARING FORK RIVER. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS 131 PERCENT OF AVERAGE BUT 12 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR AGO.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
East Fork Troublesome Creek near Troublesome	5	29	17.0
Blue River inflow to Dillon Reservoir	95	57	167.0
Blue River inflow to Green Mountain Reservoir (1)	165	57	287.0
Colorado River near Cameo (2)	1400	60	2336.6
Colorado River near Dotsero (3)	750	53	1422.0
Colorado River inflow to Granby Reservoir (4)	140	64	218.0
Eagle River below Gypsum	150	50	697.0
Roaring Fork at Glenwood Springs (5)	480	69	59.0
Williams Fork near Parshall (6)	23	35	48.0
Willow Creek inflow to Willow Creek Reservoir	24	50	298.0

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Dillon Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Taylor Reservoirs.

(3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Uncompahgre Reservoir.

(4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Eagle River Reservoir.

(5) Observed flow plus change in storage in Roaring Fork Reservoir, with the difference being the decrease through Glenwood Springs.

(6) Observed flow plus change in storage in Williams Fork Reservoir, with the difference being the decrease through Parshall.

(7) Observed flow plus change in storage in Willow Creek Reservoir, with the difference being the decrease through Willow Creek.

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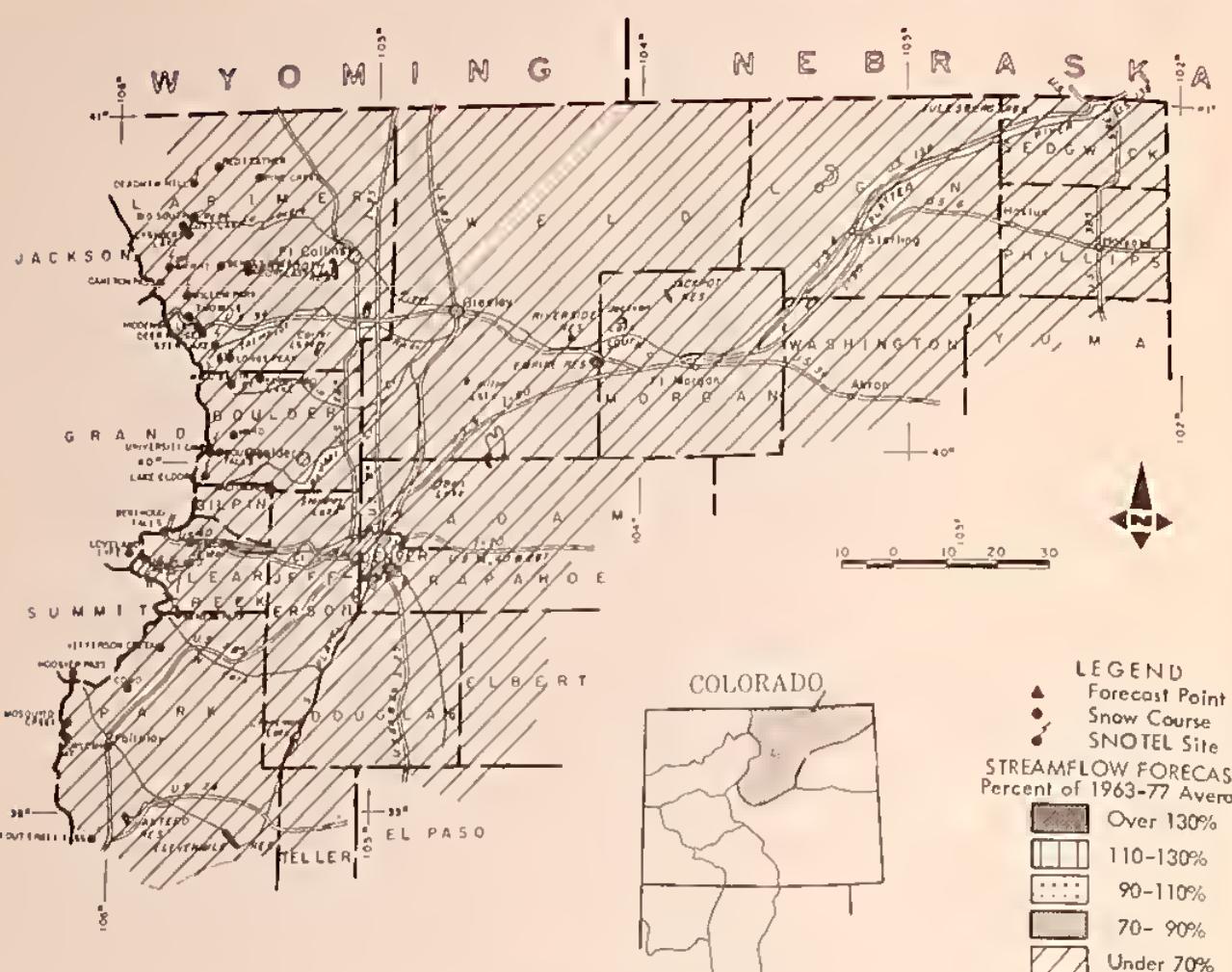
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SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

YOUR WATER SUPPLY
SNOWPACK FOR THE BASIN HAS INCREASED FOR THE MONTH THROUGH A SERIES OF STORMS.
THE BIG THOMPSON WATERSHED HAS INCREASED FROM 31% OF AVERAGE TO 48% FOR APRIL.
1. CACHE LA POUDRE AND THE SOUTH PLATTE WATERSHEDS INCREASED ABOUT 20% OVER
LAST MONTH'S READINGS. PRECIPITATION WAS 139% OF AVERAGE. THIS BROUGHT THE
SEASONAL AVERAGE TO 71%. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE INCREASED BECAUSE OF ABOVE
AVERAGE PRECIPITATION FOR THE MONTH. THEY NOW RANGE FROM 49% ON THE SOUTH
PLATTE RIVER TO 66% ON THE CACHE LA POUDRE RIVER. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS NEAR
TO SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE FOR MOST RESERVOIRS AFFECTING THE IRRIGATED AREAS.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Bear Creek at Morrison	16	58	28.0
Big Thompson River at Drake (1)	61	60	102.0
Boulder Creek at Ordell	24	53	45.1
Cache La Poudre River at Canyon Mouth (2)	160	66	243.0
Clear Creek at Golden (3)	60	50	120.0
St. Vrain Creek at Lyons	40	56	71.6
South Platte River at South Platte	95	49	193.0

(1) Observed flow prior to April 1st. (2) Observed flow minus trans-basin diversions plus reservoir and irrigation diversions. (3) Observed flow since diversion by Berthoud Ditch, plus City of Golden and Castle Rock diversions.

STREAM or AREA	WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK	
	Spring Season	late Season
Coal Creek	Poor	Poor
North Fork of South Platte	Poor	Poor
North Fork of Cache La Poudre	Fair	Poor
Ralston Creek	Poor	Poor
Rock Creek	Poor	Poor
South Platte from Greeley to Fort Morgan	Fair	Poor
South Platte from Fort Morgan to Sterling	Fair	Poor
South Platte below Sterling	Fair	Poor

SUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS
(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN & SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		LAST YEAR	1963-77 Average
Big Thompson	5	33	48
Boulder	3	36	46
Cache La Poudre	9	45	60
Clear Creek	5	41	52
Saint Vrain	3	27	50
South Platte	7	35	50

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	LAST YEAR

LEGEND

▲ Forecast Point
● Snow Course
■ SNOTEL Site
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS
Percent of 1963-77 Average
Over 130%
110-130%
90-110%
70-90%
Under 70%

SOUTH PLATTE BASIN

Boulder Creek

Baltimore	3/27	12	2.6	8.6	6.6
Boulder Falls	4/01	25	6.0	15.7	12.8
Lake Eldora	3/26	21	5.8	15.5	--
University Camp	4/01	32	8.0	22.2	17.0
Niwot	4/01	25	6.5	18.9	--

Big Thompson River

Bear Lake	3/30	38	8.5	20.9	--
Deer Ridge	3/29	7	2.0	8.1	4.3
Hidden Valley	3/29	20	4.6	13.7	9.3
Lake Irene (8)	3/27	38	10.2	29.3	19.7
Long's Peak	3/25	22	5.1	15.0	10.4
Two Mile	3/29	29	5.7	18.5	13.7
Willow Park	3/31	39	8.6	27.5	--

Cache La Poudre

Bennett Creek	3/30	20	4.4	11.8	6.6
Big South	3/30	8	1.2	5.2	1.3
Cameron Pass	3/30	55	15.8	28.5	28.2
Chambers Lake	3/30	8	1.8	13.4	9.0
Deadman Hill	3/31	46	11.8	19.3	15.5

Hourglass Lake

Hourglass Lake	3/30	22	4.4	10.8	6.7
Joe Wright	3/30	64	15.8	27.7	24.4
Lost Lake	3/30	22	5.3	15.3	11.1
Red Feather	3/31	18	4.8	12.5	6.6

Clear Creek

Baltimore (B)	3/27	12	2.6	B.6	6.6
Berthoud Falls	3/27	23	5.6	18.4	13.2
Empire	3/27	16	3.4	9.6	7.5
Grizzly Peak (B)	3/31	40	10.9	20.4	17.8
Loveland Pass	3/31	34	9.0	20.0	15.2

St. Vrain River

Copeland Lake	3/27	7	2.0	10.1	4.0
Ward	3/26	12	3.3	9.4	5.7
Wild Basin	3/27	19	4.5	17.2	9.9

South Platte River

Bison Reservoir	3/27	6	2.1	7.6	--
Como	3/27	10	2.9	7.9	6.7
Geneva Park	3/26	7	1.4	5.1	3.7
Horseshoe Mountain	3/30	20	4.7	14.3	10.1
Hoosier Pass	3/31	23	6.1	17.6	12.0

Jefferson Creek

Jefferson Creek	3/30	18	4.8	11.2	8.5
Mosquito	3/30	11	2.6	13.7	8.6

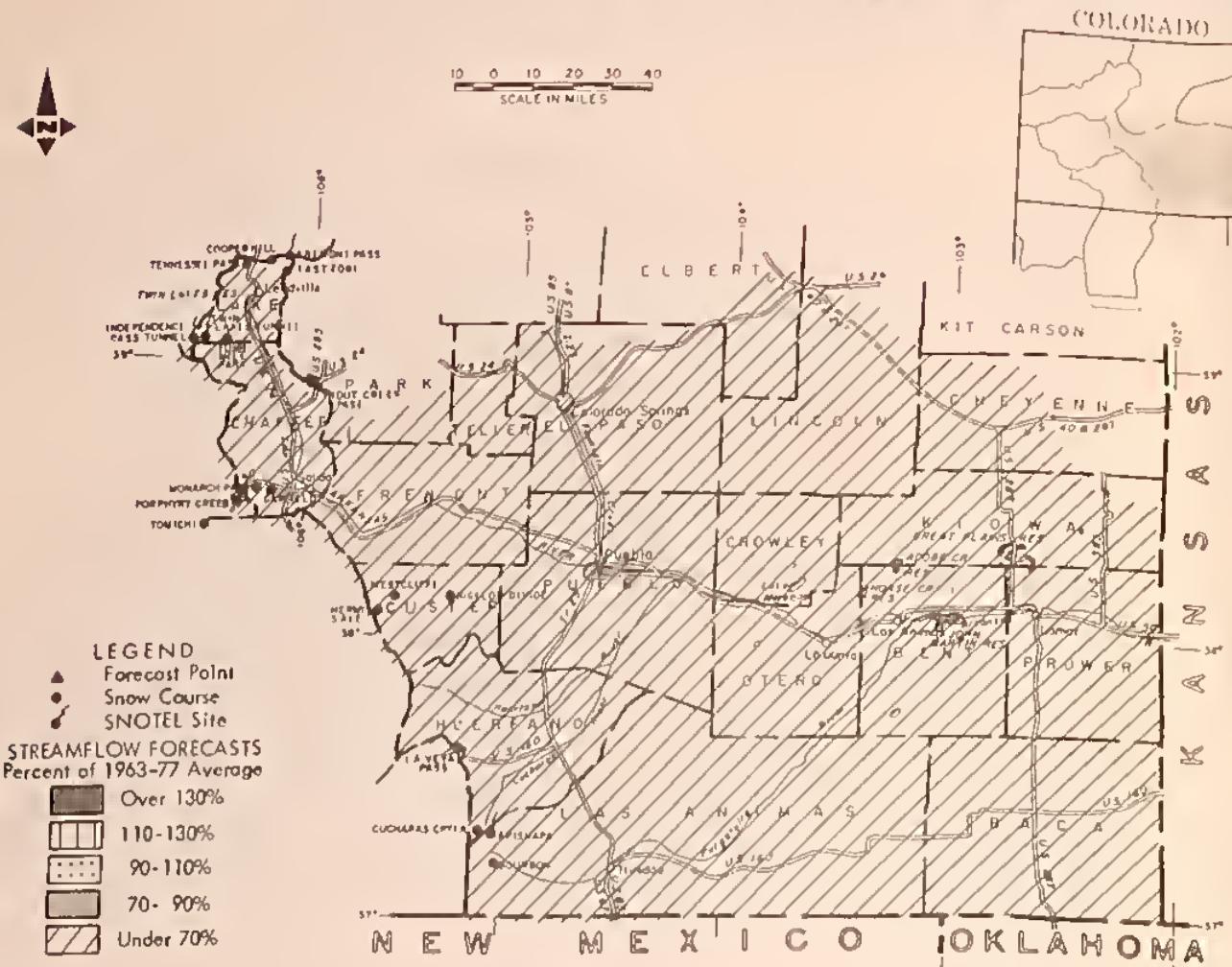
Trout Creek Pass

Trout Creek Pass	3/27	13	4.2	6.7	4.2
Antero	3/27	8	2.2	4.7	2.3

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
Spring Season	late Season	

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ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADOSUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS
(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN AND SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF LAST YEAR 1963-77 Average	
Arkansas	11	44	60
Cucharas	2	45	64
Purgatoire	1	55	84

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD		
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	LAST YEAR	Avg 63-77
ARKANSAS BASIN					
Arkansas River					
Bigelow Divide	3/30	30	7.4	8.9	7.2
Brumley	3/27	27	5.6	14.9	--
Cooper Hill (B)	3/30	31	6.2	14.9	10.8
East Fork	3/27	20	4.1	11.9	9.5
Four Mile Park	3/27	14	3.2	10.0	5.0
Fremont Pass	3/27	37	8.8	21.4	15.5
Garfield	3/27	26	7.0	10.7	8.9
Hermit Lake	3/30	13	4.7	19.8	12.8
Monarch Pass	3/30	28	7.8	21.3	16.0
South Colony	3/31	51	15.4	23.6	--
Tennessee Pass	3/27	16	3.8	13.3	10.0
Twin Lakes Tunnel	3/26	32	8.6	13.0	9.8
Westcliffe	3/30	15	5.6	8.4	6.9
Cucharas River					
Apishapa	3/31	12	4.5	10.5	7.7
Cucharas Creek	3/31	21	6.4	11.1	--
La Veta Pass (B)	3/31	16	5.6	12.0	8.1
Huerfano River	3/26	12	3.8	--	
Purgatoire River					
Bourbon	3/30	22	5.8	10.6	6.9
Whiskey Creek	3/30	21	6.4	12.2	--

YOUR WATER SUPPLY

ABOVE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION FELL DURING MARCH. THIS BROUGHT THE BASIN SEASONAL TOTAL TO 64% OF AVERAGE. SNOWPACK IS NOW AT 62% OF AVERAGE COMPARED TO 44% A MONTH AGO. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE INCREASED BUT ARE STILL BELOW AVERAGE. THEY RANGE FROM 38% FOR THE ARKANSAS RIVER ABOVE PUEBLO TO 67% ON THE HUERFANO RIVER. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS 98% OF LAST YEAR AT THE SAME TIME AND 139% OF AVERAGE. SNOW COURSE READINGS IN THE HEADWATER OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER ARE ONLY SLIGHTLY ABOVE MINIMUMS OF RECORD. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS IN THE AREA ARE FAIR TO POOR.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Arkansas River above Pueblo (1)	100	38	260.0
Arkansas River at Salida (2)	160	56	288.0
Cucharas River near La Veta	6	66	9.1
Grape Creek near Westcliffe	10	62	16.0
Huerfano River near Redwing	9	67	13.4
Purgatoire River at Trinidad (3)	20	61	32.8

(1) Plus change in storage in Pueblo Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in Custer Creek, Tinto Creek, and Tuggee Creek. Reservoirs carry discharge through Bull Pass, Royal Gorge, Twin Lakes and Horsetail Tunnel and Ewing's Reservoir. Plus, Fort and Colorado ditches. (3) Change in storage in Trinidad Reservoir.

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousands Ac. Ft.)

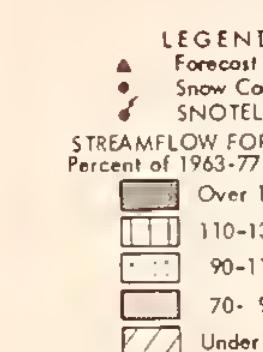
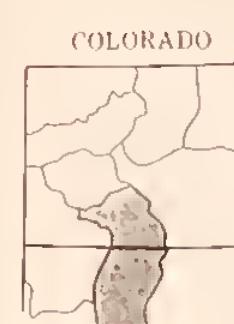
Origin of Stream and/or RESERVOIR	END OF MONTH		
	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage This Year	Last Year (1963-77 Average)
Adobe	60	47	3
Clear Creek	11	6	8
Great Plains	150	13	0
Holbrook Lake	7	6	6
Horse Creek	27	20	22
John Martin	621	74	38
Lake Henry	8	8	6
Meredith	42	2	0
Pueblo	351	63	63
Trinidad	158	43	22
Turquoise	121	63	72
Twin Lakes	68	42	33
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Predicted streamflows will mean excellent fishing as streams drop more rapidly than normal. (Photo courtesy of Colorado Division of Wildlife.)



Lining ditches reduces conveyance losses and improves irrigation efficiency.

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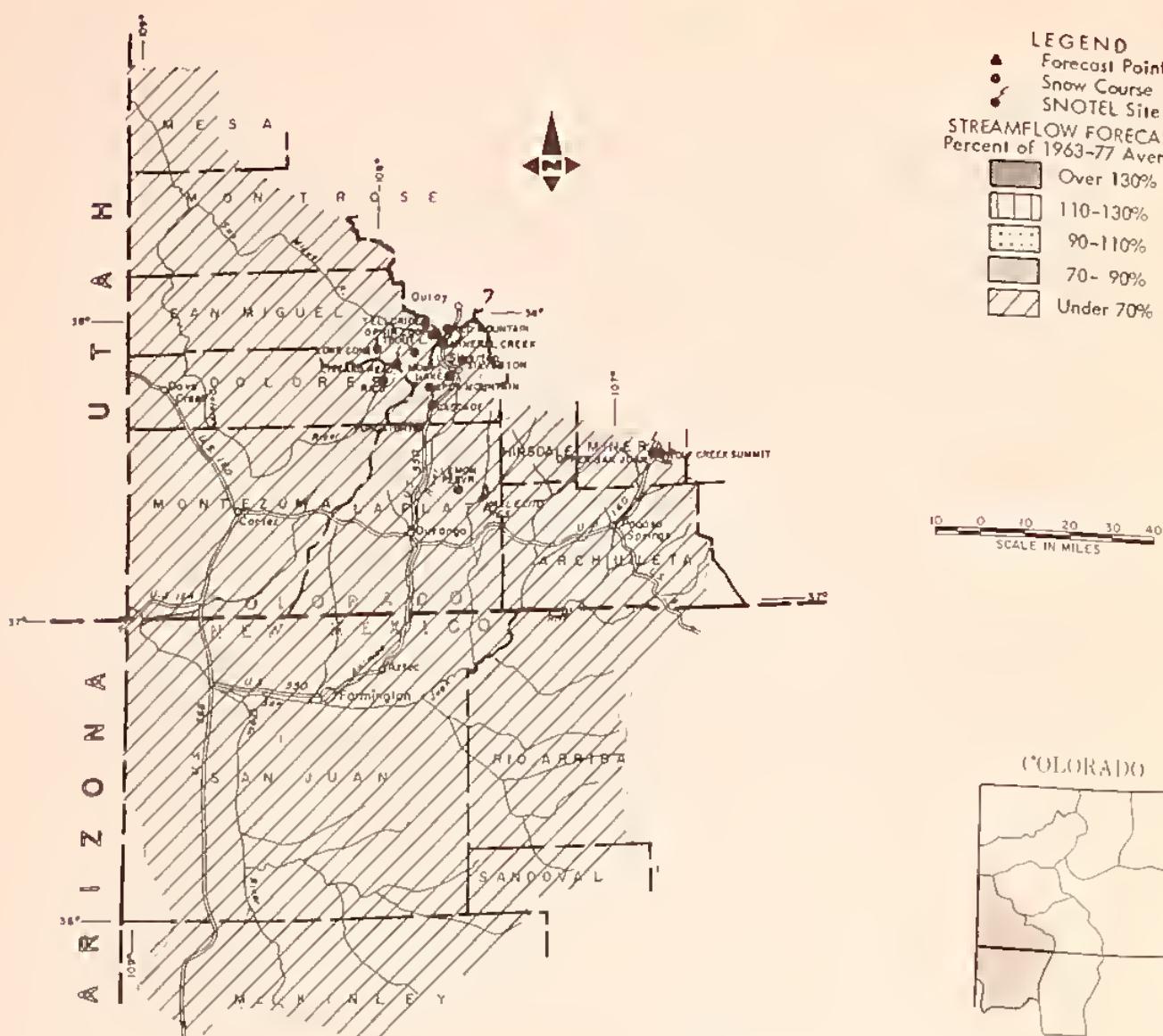
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SAN MIGUEL, DOLORES, ANIMAS AND SAN JUAN WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO



YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SPRING AND SUMMER RUNOFF FORECASTS HAVE INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER LAST MONTH. THEY NOW RANGE FROM 32 PERCENT ON THE MANCOS RIVER TO 64 PERCENT ON THE LA PLATA RIVER. PRECIPITATION DURING MARCH WAS 150 PERCENT FOR THE MONTH BRINGING THE SEASON'S AVERAGE TO 63 PERCENT. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS GENERALLY AT OR ABOVE AVERAGE FOR MOST RESERVOIRS AFFECTING THE AREA. MUCH OF THE WATER IN THE RESERVOIRS WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPPLEMENT WATER SUPPLIES THIS SEASON. SOIL MOISTURE IN THE AREA RANGES FROM FAIR TO POOR.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Florida River at Bondad	16	52	31.0
Animas River at Durango	230	54	425.0
Dolores River at Dolores	130	56	233.0
La Plata River at Hesperus	15	64	23.5
Los Pinos River at Bayfield (1)	120	59	204.0
Mancos River near Towaoc (2)	7	32	21.9
Inflow to Navajo River (1 & 3)	365	60	608.0
Piedra Creek at Arboles	100	50	201.0
San Juan River at Carracas	220	59	370.0
San Miguel River at Placerville	75	60	124.0

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Vallecito Reservoir. (2) March-July. (3) April-July.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" with Respect to Usual Supply

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period		RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH		
	Spring Season	Late Season	Basin or Stream and of RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage
Hermosa Creek	Fair	Poor	Groundhog	22	0
West Dolores River	Fair	Poor	Jackson Gulch	10	5
Williams Creek	Fair	Poor	Lemon	40	23
			Navajo	1696	1230
			Vallecito	126	60
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RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

BASIN or STREAM and of RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	USABLE STORAGE		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1963-77 AVERAGE
Groundhog	22	0	--	10
Jackson Gulch	10	5	1	5
Lemon	40	23	19	19
Navajo	1696	1230	1014	692
Vallecito	126	60	48	59

SUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		LAST YEAR	1963-77 AVERAGE
Animas	8	29	50
Dolores	5	40	68
San Juan	5	37	68

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

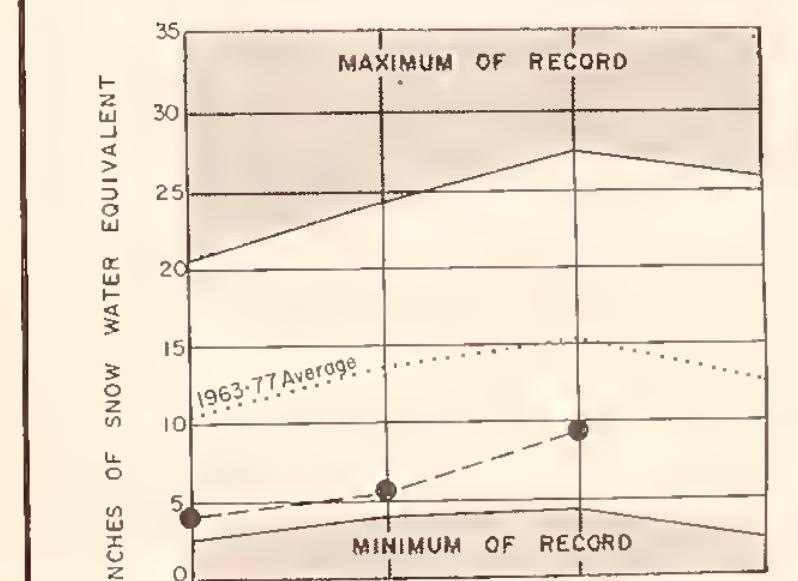
SNOW COURSE	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD				
				LAST YEAR	AVG. 63-77	LAST YEAR	AVG. 63-77			
SAN JUAN-DOLORES BASIN										
Animas River										
Cascade	3/27	23	6.8	23.4	10.3					
Lemon	3/27	20	5.0	19.6	8.3					
Mineral Creek	3/26	27	6.7	23.7	15.0					
Molas Lake	3/26	16	4.2	22.2	12.1					
Purgatory	3/30	36	10.2	30.5	18.6					
Red Mt. Pass (B)	3/26	66	18.3	37.5	29.7					
Silverton Sub-Sta.	3/26	0	0.0	14.1	6.2					
Spud Mountain	3/26	35	9.6	37.4	22.1					
Dolores River										
Groundhog	3/26	27	7.8	22.4	--					
Lizard Head	3/31	44	11.4	25.4	16.8					
Lone Cone	3/27	48	12.3	25.0	15.7					
Ophir Loop	3/25	34	8.6	21.3	--					
Rico	3/31	11	4.0	18.0	6.0					
Telluride	3/25	20	5.8	11.4	7.1					
Trout Lake	3/25	28	7.2	23.1	14.1					
San Juan River										
Chama Divide (B)	3/31	0	0.0	10.0	1.7					
Chamita (B)	3/30	21	5.6	18.2	7.2					
La Plata	3/27	32	10.2	41.9	--					
Mancos T-Down	3/27	40	11.8	37.6	--					
Upper San Juan	3/30	66	20.0	49.9	28.5					
Wolf Cr. Pass (B)	3/30	58	17.5	42.8	25.8					
Wolf Cr. Summit	3/30	65	19.2	45.6	28.4					

MS-No survey.

(B)-On adjacent drainage.

WATERSHED SNOWPACK

Based on 5 Selected Snow Courses *



*Cascade, Lizard Head, Molas Lake, Red Mountain Pass, Telluride.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK BY MAJOR WATERSHED AREAS

GUNNISON RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Delta, Gunnison, Cimarron, Shavano, and Uncompahgre Soil Conservation Districts.

COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in DeBeque, Plateau Valley, Mesa, Bookcliff, Eagle County, Middle Park, South Side, and Mt. Sopris Soil Conservation Districts.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Fort Collins, Big Thompson, Langmont, Boulder Valley, Jefferson, Teller Park, Douglas County, Morgan, Kiowa, West Arapahoe, West Adams, East Adams, Plate Valley, Southeast Weld, and West Greeley Soil Conservation Districts. Also describes water supply conditions in Sedgwick, South Platte, Haxton, Peetz, Padroni, Morgan, Rock Creek, and Yuma Soil Conservation Districts.

YAMPA, WHITE AND NORTH PLATTE RIVERS WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Yampa, Moffat, West Routt, East Routt, North Park, White River, and Douglas Creek Soil Conservation Districts.

ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Lake County, Upper Arkansas, Fremont, Custer County, Divide, Fountain Valley, Black Squirrel, Central Colorado, Turkey Creek, South Pueblo, Olney Boone, Cheyenne, Upper Huerfano, Spanish Peaks, Purgatoire River, Trinchero, Western Boca, Southeastern Boca, Two Buttes, Bent, Timpos, Northeast Prowers, Prowers, Kiowa County, West Otero, East Otero, Prairie, Hi Plains, and Double El Soil Conservation Districts.

RIO GRANDE WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Rio Grande, Center, Conejos, Mosca Hooper, and Costilla, Saguache, San Luis, Alamosa, Costilla, and Huerfano Soil Conservation Districts. Also describes water supply conditions in Upper Chama East Rio Arriba, Taos, Lindith, Jemez, Santa Fe-Pajosque, Sandoval, Tijeras, Cuba and Edgewood Soil Conservation Districts.

DOLORES, SAN JUAN, AND ANIMAS RIVERS WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in San Miguel Basin, Dave Creek, Dolores, Mancos, LaPlata, Pine River, San Juan, San Miguel Basin, and Glade Park Soil Conservation Districts.